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Sincerely,

Melinda Karns

KanOkla Telephone Association, Inc.

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
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Sincerely,

Eric Schmidt

President

Home Telephone Co.

Saint Jacob, Illinois

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Steve Trimble
Palmer Mutual Telephone Company

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Sincerely,

John E. Colbert

Senior Vice President

Fidelity Communications

Sullivan, MO

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin

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Sincerely,

David J. Herron, General Manager

West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

P.O. Box 610

Abbeville, SC 29620

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin

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Sincerely,

Mike LeJeune

Michael J. LeJeune

Chief Technical Officer

Cameron Communications, LLC

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Sincerely,
Thomas Bennett
Adams Telephone Co-Op

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Sincerely,

Steve Guest, P.E.

President

Central Oklahoma Telephone Co.

Davenport, OK

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Sincerely,

Daniel Carnahan

Partner Communications Cooperative

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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Sincerely,

Barbara Schlottog

KanOkla Telephone Assn Inc.

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Kim Miller, Director
KanOkla Telephone Association

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Sincerely,

Debi Hornberger

Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Association

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Hudson O'Keeffe
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asheville, NC 28806-3410

July 5, 2007

Robert McDowell
Commissioner

Dear Robert McDowell:

I am writing to encourage the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to protect the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless providers.

The USF needs to be protected so rural residents can enjoy the public safety, health and economic development benefits that the rest of the state already enjoys.

Wireless telecommunications is no longer a luxury item in our society; it is a fundamental necessity. Law enforcement officers need dependable service to handle dangerous situations such as domestic violence complaints. Drivers need to be able to rely on wireless service in the event of an accident along the back roads of isolated areas. And in terms of economic development, cell phone coverage is absolutely paramount to attracting new business into an area.

The USF was created to ensure that telecommunications technology doesn't leave rural communities behind. Rural Americans deserve the same quality service as residents in big cities, but that can only happen by expanding USF so that carriers can build cell sites that deliver quality service.

Threats of caps to the fund or reverse auctions that result in single "winners" will hurt rather than help residents of rural America. Capping support to growing networks will hinder rural infrastructure development, and reverse auctions will undoubtedly lead to the kind of monopoly situations the 1996 Act intended to eliminate.

I hope you will consider this request to protect the Universal Service Fund for wireless providers. Your attention to this matter will go a long way toward helping the citizens of rural America.

Sincerely,

Hudson O'Keeffe
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Sincerely,

Kim M Gibbons
Customer Service Representative
Mark Twain Rural Telephone
PO Box 68
Hurdland, MO 63547-0068
660-423-5211

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin

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Sincerely,

Colleen M. Nourie-Lewis
Bookkeeper
GVNW Consulting, Inc.
P.O. Box 25969
Colorado Springs, CO 80936

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Sincerely,

Jeff Keagle

Assistant Manager

Hamilton County Telephone Co-op

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Jill Freeman
Mid Century Telephone Cooperative

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Sincerely,

Dave Ibendahl
Egyptian Telephone Cooperative

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Andy Frazier

Adams Telephone Cooperative

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Larry Knuth

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Jay Harrison
McDonough Telephone Cooperative

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DONNA J. BRANSON

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Chad Walker

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